

From the Army Acquisition Executive
In Memoriam



Ms. Barbara Heald



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With this issue dedicated to the rebuilding of Iraq and the lessons we are learning, there is very sad news. On Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, two valued and beloved members of the Project and Contracting Office in Baghdad were killed by a rocket attack on the U.S. Embassy in Iraq. We join their families in mourning their loss.

Both Barbara and Keith were top-notch professionals. They were dedicated, committed, respected and admired. Both believed in the mission of creating a free and democratic Iraq. They believed in the reconstruction of Iraq. They believed they could make a difference — and they did.

President Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg, PA, November 1863, said, "It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain ..."

To properly honor the lives of Barbara and Keith and acknowledge their sacrifices, we can offer no better tribute than to complete the rebuilding of a free Iraq. By completing this important work — their work — the spirit they demonstrated every day of their lives will be reflected in the lives of the Iraqi people for generations to come. That is their ultimate legacy. They exceeded the challenge of life and of work. It is now our responsibility to follow their lead and continue what they cannot.

May God bless Barbara and Keith. May He bless their families and provide them comfort always.

May He bless all who have been placed in harm's way. And, may God continue to bless our great Nation.

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